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SUBJECT: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARITIMES WITH REGARD TO THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

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1. ROBERT STANFIELD, THE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE (PC) LEADER BROKE HIS TRIP TO HALIFAX IN MONCTON, N.B. YESTERDAY TO DEAL WITH SITUATION CREATED BY MAYOR JONES NOMINATION AS PC CANDIDATE FOR MONCTON. STANFIELD MET BRIEFLY WITH MAYOR WHOSE REACTION TO MEETING WAS,"I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS LISTENING TO ME". STANFIELD, FOLLOWING THE MEETING, REITERATED THAT HE WOULD NOT CHANGE HIS POSITION THAT MAYOR UNACCEPTABLE AS PC CANDIDATE FOR MONCTON.

2. STANFIELD THEN MET WITH 16 MEMBERS OF MONCTON PC EXECUTIVE AND ANNOUNCED HE HAD ACCEPTED THE EXECUTIVE'S RECOMMENDATION TO DESIGNATE CHARLES THOMAS, WHO HAS HELD RIDING SINCE 1968 , AS OFFICIAL CANDIDATE.

3. STANFIELD REJECTED SUGGESTION THAT BY THIS ACTION HE HOPED TO GAIN VOTES IN QUEBEC. CLAIMED ACTION TAKEN BECAUSE AS PC LEADER HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMOTE
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POLICIES THAT WOULD FOSTER SPIRIT OF UNITY AND HARMONY

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4. DURING COURSE OF CONVENTION WHICH OFFICIALLY NOMINATED STANFIELD PC CANDIDATE FOR HALIFAX RIDING, STANFIELD DWELT ON THEME OF WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS SAYING THAT PREMIERS OF SIX OF TEN PROVINCES BACK HIS POSITION. HE CITED NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT THE THREE WESTERN NEW DEMOCRATIC PREMIERS (BLAKENEY, SCHREYER AND BARRETT) FAVOR PRICE AND INCOME CONTROLS. HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT PC PREMIERS DAVIS, HATFIELD AND LOUGHEED FAVOR WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS. HE ADDED THAT AT CONCLUSION OF PROVINCIAL PREMIERS CONFERENCE LAST AUGUST ALL TEN PREMIERS STATED IN A COMMUNIQUE THEY WOULD SUPPORT OTTAWA IN ANY INITIATIVE TO COMBAT INFLATION, INCLUDING PRICE AND INCOME CONTROLS.

5. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU HAS BEEN DOING WHISTLE STOP TOURNOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK SINCE MAY 28. MAIN THRUST IS THAT OPPOSITION PARTIES, BY FORCING ELECTION, PREVENTED ENACTMENT OF BUDGET WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED TAX CUTS NOW BEING PROMISED BY OPPOSITION PARTIES.

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